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**Councilmember Rose Herrera
Hosts Showing of Film,
“Service: When Women Come Marching Home”
at San José City Hall**

*The documentary highlights the special challenges facing disabled female veterans.
Film showing followed by panel discussion*

San José, CA – On Thursday, March 20th, 2014 San José Councilmember Rose Herrera and members of the California Statewide Collaborative for Our Military and Families, Dolphin Base #100 and VITAS: Innovative Hospice Care, will come together to host a Women’s Veterans event that highlights women veterans and the obstacles they face as they transition from active duty to civilian life. The event will consist of a light reception with resource vendors, a documentary showing of *Service: When Women Come Marching Home*, followed by a panel discussion empowering and supporting women veterans. The San José City Hall Rotunda doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the Council Chamber doors will open at 6:45 p.m.

Women compose 14% of today’s military forces. That number is expected to double in the next 10 years. The transition from active duty to civilian life is a difficult process that impacts the community and Women Veterans’ family. *Service: When Women Come Marching Home* portrays the courage of several women veterans as they transition from active duty to their civilian lives.

“It is important that we help find the resources to support our women veterans,” states Councilmember Rose Herrera, “As a community, we need to come together to advocate for our service members and their families. The best way to do so is to get our community more informed about the various obstacles women veterans face.”

Councilmember Rose Herrera, a Vietnam era Air Force veteran, is honored to host this event. Showing of the documentary will begin at 6:45 p.m. with a panel discussion at 8:00 p.m. featuring our speakers, Mary Cortani, Lt. Doc. Kathryn Hodge, Major Esther Sablan, Dottie Guy and Charlotte Bear. This event will conclude at 9:00 p.m. Admission and parking at City Hall are free for this event. RSVP to jennifer.gonzales@sanjoseca.gov or by calling 408-535-4908.

About Councilmember Rose Herrera

Councilmember Rose Herrera represents District 8 in the City of San José. Councilmember Herrera currently Chairs the Community and Economic Development Committee, the VTA Audit Committee, Vice Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee, a member of the Mayor’s Gang Task Force, the Santa Clara County Transportation Advisory Board, CalTrain Joint Powers Board, a voting delegate to the League of California Cities and the Founder and President of the League of California Cities’ Women’s Caucus. For more information go to <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8/>.

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